

Fishermen can learn 2

1941 Fisherman's Home was being  
operated by Sam Shortenice  
between Hicks & Vivian Park  
People could eat & dance there.  
He later moved to Ogden & operated  
the United Nations Club.

## Fishermans

### Home

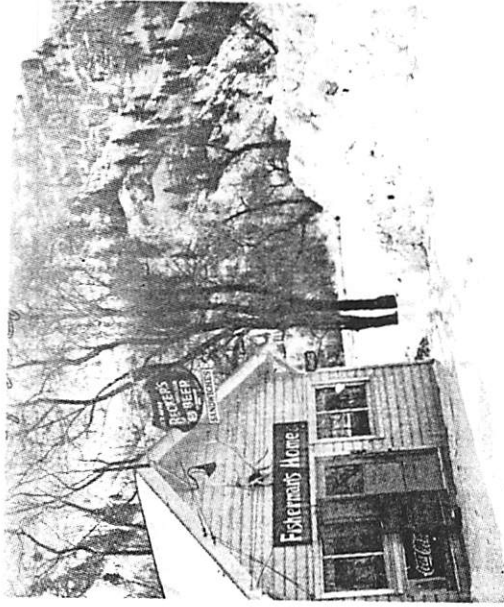
was run by

Sammy Shortenice

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Location on D. Side  
of road as you  
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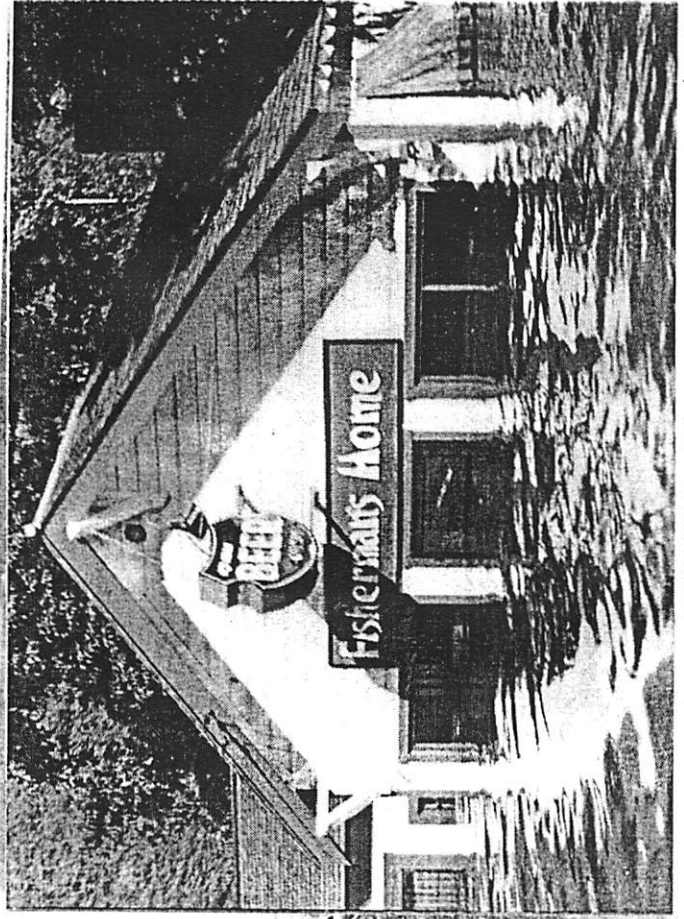


Fisherman's Home as it appeared in the winter of 1936 (Bertha McKean Offret foto).

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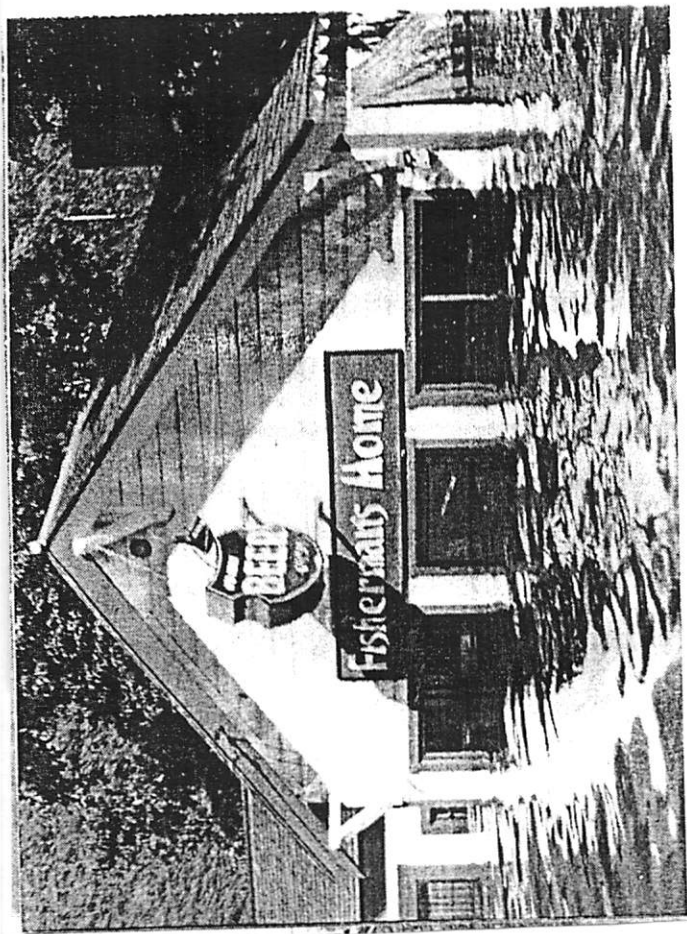
The same Fisherman's Home during the flood of July 1938 (Bertha McKean Offret fotos).



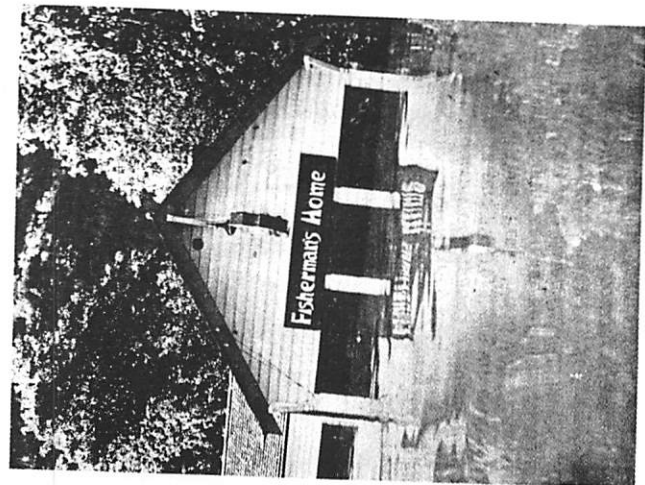
1938 - Debra Elliott

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1899. In 1904 he officially got title to the 65 hectares(160 acres) of river-front land. He lived there and slowly developed a small resort called **Donnan's Place** or **Upper Falls Resort**. It was a small lodge or inn with a store and restaurant and about 10 small summer cabins to rent for the night, a weekend, or a week. The place became famous for trout dinners.

Here is what a June, 1923 ad in the Provo Daily Herald had to say: **UPPER FALLS RESORT-PROVO Canyon. Furnished Bungalow and Board, \$3 per day, \$15 per week. Tents with screen wire kitchenette, \$5 to \$7 per week. Trout Dinners and Spring Fry Dinners our Specialties DONNAN'S PLACE.** The site of the resort was located not far below the present-day Olmsted Diversion Dam. The last entry for either Lyman or Dolly Donnan in the county court records was October, 1944. At that time they sold all of their property to Provo City. Today Provo City still owns the land, but the county runs Upper Falls as a day-use only picnic park.

Another little waystation along the scenic Provo Canyon Highway was **Fisherman's Home**. It was a small store and restaurant, which catered to fishermen, picnickers and especially beer drinkers. It was first built after about 1933 by Billy Williams. He lived across the road in the small cabin which is presently on the north side of the road. Fisherman's Home was built near the river just after F.D. Roosevelt came to office and Prohibition ended. The local people referred to it as another *beer joint*.

The site of this tavern was in the general area as the old Ferguson Ranch, which was also apparently the home of the "Toll Gate Keeper" on the old Provo Canyon Road at one time. It's also where a giant snowslide came down in February, 1897, which killed Billy Ferguson and wiped out his home. Read more details on that event in the chapter *Tragedies on Mt. Timpanogos*.

In the summer of 1938, the Fisherman's Home was severely damaged by the flooding of the Provo River. A thunder storm on Wednesday, July 13, 1938, brought mud, rocks and trees down out of Snowslide Canyon blocking the river. For a short period of time a lake developed behind the dam and many homes were flooded in Vivian Park. The same storm also stranded campers in Provo Canyon and made another small lake at Wicks. Much later in time this area was owned by Leon Frazier. Today the Frazier family has built a summer-time resting place called *Frazier Park* in the same general location. In summer, someone operates a small store and fruit stand there.

The next significant location or landmark going up-canyon is at the lower end of the South Fork of Provo River and at what is known today as **Vivian Park**. According to Eugene Campbell's History of